



**MINUTES OF
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING FOR MAY 27, 2008**



DATE: Tuesday, May 27, 2008
TIME: 5:04 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda, CA 94501____

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Ben Ulrey, Hannah Bowman, Lamont Carter, Ilya Pinsky, Anjuli Sastry, Bhaani Singh, Angela Sterling-Vick, Priscilla Szeto

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Blackman, Jordan Flores, Vice-Chair Vincent Morgado,

Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of May 13, 2008, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

M/S/C **Ulrey / Carter** **(Unanimously approved)**

“That the Minutes of May 13, 2008 Youth Advisory Commission Meeting are approved.”

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

TC Wong requested that the Youth Commissioners promote vacancies on the Youth Advisory Commission for the upcoming year. The updated Youth Commission Application and information is available on the City Website (online), City Clerk's office in City Hall, and at the Recreation and Park Department. A press release has been sent to the local papers and schools. The filing deadline is Friday, June 27th. Interviews will be scheduled in June and July. Appointments by the Mayor will be in August. Next year's first meeting is set on Tuesday, September 9th, 2008.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

**A. Sand Castle and Sand Sculpture contest, June 7th, 9:00 AM
(Robert Crown Memorial State Park, Otis Dr. and Eight St.)**

Commissioner Flores will be one of the judges. Commissioner Singh is an alternate judge in case Commissioner Flores cannot attend. The Youth Commission is invited be a part of the Event by

building/creating a sand castle or sand sculpture. This is an opportunity for the Youth Commission to bond and have fun.

B. Out Loud (Teen Magazine Spring / Summer issue)

Commissioners Sastry, Sterling-Vick, and Flores are on the Zine-team who writes for the Out Loud Magazine. Commissioner Sastry wrote an article regarding the Youth Commission and how one might apply. Commissioner Sastry stated that the Out Loud Magazine was created by teens for teens. The Magazine is sponsored by Alternatives in Action (Home Project) and Girls Inc. of the Island City. Currently, there are 12 teen writers for the Magazine.

5. New Business

A. June Meetings (June 10 and June 24) - (Discussion / Action Item)

Commissioners held a discussion on the meeting dates of June 10th and June 24th. They will keep the meeting dates the same until further notice / discussion.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. AC Transit - Youth Fares (Subcommittee Report) – (Discussion)

Commissioner Ulrey asked if any of the Commissioners attended the AC Transit meeting on May 15th at Oakland City Hall. Commissioner Sterling-Vick has drafted letter in response to the AC Transit proposed fare increase. RS Russi stated that both representatives (John Knox White, Transportation Board, and Chris Peebles, AC Transit, President of Board of Director) came to the meeting and presented information, so the Youth Commission can make an informed decision. TC Wong also stated that Mr. Peebles suggested drafting a letter or attending the meeting to make public comment. RS Russi stated that follow through is crucial. TC Wong stated communication is key to the effectiveness of the Youth Commission. TC Wong also stated that subcommittees are put together to work on projects. Public meetings can be used for status updates. Commissioner Ulrey will be on the subcommittee to draft the letter.

B. Teen Needs Assessment Survey - (Discussion / Action Item)

Commissioner Pinsky submitted a draft/sample of a Teen Needs Survey which included: College Faire, Job Faire and Voting Faire (youth/18+ years, voter registration). Commissioner Pinsky requested that each Commissioner e-mail a list of possible locations for accepting and distributing the survey. RS Russi and TC Wong requested that the Commissioner's send their feedback to Commissioner Pinsky, who will then forward the Survey to the Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD) for final copying of the draft. Commissioner Pinsky would like to distribute the Survey immediately, since school will be out within several weeks. RS Russi stated that the final Survey can be submitted to ARPD for copying. RS Russi also stated that reviewing the survey will be a tool that can be used for next years objectives for the Youth Commission and Teens in Alameda. Commissioners Ulrey and Pinsky, would like to pick up the final Survey on Monday, June 2. Commissioner Ulrey thanked Commissioner Pinsky for his work that was completed on the Survey.

C. Logo Design - (Discussion)

TC Wong reported to the Youth Commission that the new AYAC logo is being revised for image quality and clarity and will be available shortly. The AYAC logo will be used on the Agenda and Minutes. Official name badges will be printed and can be used by Commissioners for future City and special events.

D. Website Presentation - (Discussion)

Commissioner Pinsky presented the AYAC Website design to the Youth Commission. RS Russi and TC Wong requested that the Website design file be sent to them. RS Russi stated APRD will also forward the design to Audrey Lord-Houseman. TC Wong stated that he liked the Poll of the Week section on the webpage and the overall format. RS Russi thanked Commissioner Pinsky on his follow through efforts.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

Littlejohn Park Tree Planting, May 31, 9:00 AM (Request from Councilmember Frank Matarrese)

Commissioners Bowman and Sastry confirmed their attendance.

Red Cross Leadership Development Camp

Commissioner Sastry announced that the Red Cross Leadership Development Camp is open for enrollment. Leadership skills, workshops, and CPR Training will be available during the Camp. Scholarships are available. Commissioner Szeto stated that she had participated in the past and the Camp was fun, an opportunity for meeting new people, and was a great experience.

RS Russi congratulated Commissioner Ilya Pinsky for winning the Season for Nonviolence Speech Contest.

RS Russi commended Commissioner Sastry for a well written article in the Alameda Sun on Friday, May 23. The topic was "Teens Saving the World".

8. Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, June10, 2008; 5:00 PM

9. Adjournment

6:08 p.m.